



January 2008 Update

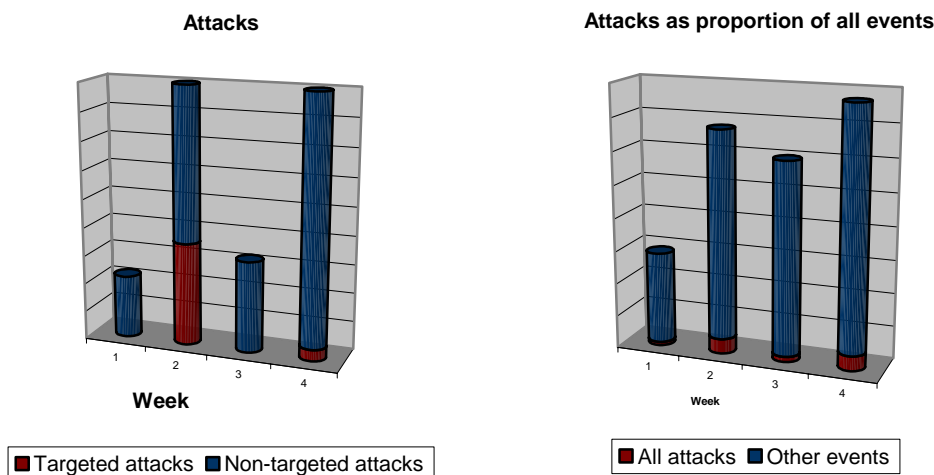
Summary

2007 has been a year where the importance of IT security and data management has been clearly highlighted through reports of a number of events in the UK and other countries. GovCertUK continue to encourage responsible storage, handling, transfer and disposal of data and media or machines that hold a copy of such data. Good sources of advice and best practice guidelines include the CESG IA Bookstore and the WARP network.

Should you suspect that your network has been subject to malicious attack, please submit sample material following procedures published on our website at <http://www.govcertuk.gov.uk/reporting-an-incident.shtml>.

Trends and alerts

January's average of web-based events was approximately 80%, in line with long-term averages. The graphs below give an indication of events logged in the past month:



GovCertUK has been alerted to a published weakness in the MiFare contactless authorisation system. This mechanism has been applied in areas such as perimeter security and public transportation payment. Those using

such a system may be advised to review their system to assess if they are exposed to this shortcoming.

We would like to specifically highlight two malicious domains detected this month; further details have been published on the GovCertUK website. We would encourage users to read these alerts and update their systems appropriately to prevent access to these sites.

A number of software vendors have released important security updates this month and GovCertUK recommend that system administrators apply all patches wherever possible.

January news

Invitations for the GovCertUK training day on 10th March 2008 have been emailed to the GovCertUK community. If you have not received your invitation please address your query to enquiries@govcertuk.gov.uk.

CESG has published Good Practice Guide number 5: Securing Data at Rest on Laptops. This should be read in conjunction with Good Practice Guide number 3 (Securing Bulk Data Transfers). These documents are available for GSi users and should be found on the next CESG IA Bookstore CD. If not a GSi user or Bookstore recipient, please contact your local IT Security Officer or WARP administrator for further details.

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